

**Virginia Board of Education
Early Childhood Committee
February 27, 2007**

3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**James Monroe Building
22nd Floor – Jefferson Conference Room
Richmond, Virginia**

Committee Members Present: Mrs. Eleanor Saslaw, Chair; Dr. Billy Cannaday, Mrs. Isis Castro, Dr. Mark Emblidge, Dr. Ella Ward, Dr. David Johnson, and Dr. Thomas Brewster

Purpose of Committee: To hear overviews of the proposed Foundation Blocks for Early Learning: Standards for Physical and Motor Development and for Personal and Social Development, the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) start-up and expansion grants, and the National Association of State Boards of Education Early Childhood Grant Committee's visit to VPI classrooms in Arlington County Public Schools.

Summary of Committee Meeting:

1. Welcome from Mrs. Saslaw, Chair
2. Introduction of Presenters
3. Cheryl Strobel, Early Childhood Specialist, Virginia Department of Education
 - a. Overview of current Foundation Blocks for Early Learning: Standards for Literacy, Mathematics, Science, and History and Social Science
 - b. Presentation of proposed Foundation Blocks for Early Learning: Standards for Physical and Motor Development and for Personal and Social Development
4. Mark Allan, Director of Elementary Instructional Services, Virginia Department of Education
 - a. Overview of VPI start-up and expansion grants
 1. Summary of applicants
 2. Number of additional students to be served
 3. Use of grant funds

- b. Overview of National Association of State Boards of Education Early Childhood Grant Committee's visit to VPI classrooms in Arlington County Public Schools